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**MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN MAGRUDER,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE:**

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**Subject: Comments on Proposed Changes
in "TORRENTIAL."**

1. I recommend that Mr. Foster oppose the suggestions made by the Budget Director in both paragraphs 19 and 20 of "TORRENTIAL."
2. The proposal to change paragraph 19 so that POC is the coordinator instead of the PSB is very unrealistic. POC is an agency of the Secretary of State who has the facilities in hand. Any conflict between the military commander and State must be coordinated at a higher level. PSB could do this quite well under their directive.
3. It is noted that the changes proposed by the Budget Director for paragraph 20 place the emphasis on current planning while in the other Budget proposal (recently considered) they only want PSB to day-dream into the distant future.
4. More important is the fact that the proposal would give a low priority to planning for a hot war. A hot war may well be the pay-off with our survival as the goal. We must keep planning for this pay-off even though we hope it may never be necessary.
5. The X-Day Plan is an example of a plan for war which should be pushed. If a low priority policy for war plans should be approved in "TORRENTIAL" this X-Day planning would become more difficult.
6. To state that responsibilities assigned in "TORRENTIAL" should be secondary to responsibilities in the NSC 10 series shows that the Budget Director does not know that the principal

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projects in "the Packet" establish the base for a hot war expansion and consequently must be based on war plans, be they military, psychological or economic.

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